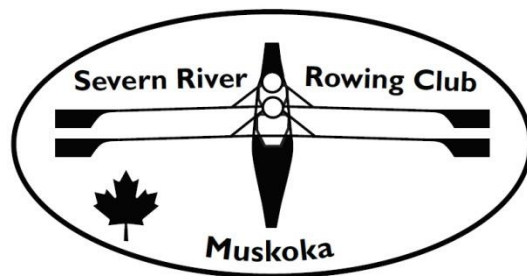


Muskoka Fall Classic Regatta Rules

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I. ENTRY RULES

A) DIVISIONS

The Regatta Fall Classic is open to the following Divisions:

- Under 19 (Formerly Highschool)
- Under 23/Senior (Formerly Senior/Club)
- Masters (21+)
- Grand Masters (50+)
- Senior Grand Masters (60+)

Adaptive and Lightweight categories are not available to compete at the Muskoka Fall Classic at this time.

B) ENTRIES

All entries must be received through Regatta Central by September 4th, 2017 at noon. Late entries will be accepted up to the end of the day September 5th, 2017 but will be required to pay an additional late fee of 50% the cost of the entry. As of noon on September 6th, 2017 all entries will be closed.

All monies must be received in advance via online payment through Regatta Central. Late entry requests cannot be guaranteed.

C) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF BOATS PER DIVISION

The maximum number of boats per division is 75. If there are more entries in each Division, the Division may be split.

D) HEAT SHEET/DRAW

DRAFT confirmation of crews that have been accepted for each event will be posted on Regatta Central, the Severn River Rowing Club website as well as their Facebook page on September 7th. A FINAL DRAW will be available on September 8th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

All entries must be made through Regatta Central. While we cannot guarantee entries in extenuating circumstances, in these cases you may contact the Regatta Fall Classic Committee Chair at MuskokaFallClassic@gmail.com.

2. WAIVERS

Minors (age 17 and under) must use the Parental Consent Release, Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement form, requiring the signature of a parent or legal guardian. Any participant without a signed Release and Waiver form presented

to the Muskoka Fall Classic will not be permitted to race. If for some reason a participant has not signed a waiver before the day of the regatta, they will require a signed paper waiver to be picked up prior to getting their bow numbers.

3. ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are reviewed annually by the organizing Muskoka Fall Classic Organizing Committee.

Crew	Entry Fee	Late Entry Fee
Eights	\$80.00	\$120.00
Fours/Quads	\$70.00	\$105.00
Doubles/Pairs	\$50.00	\$75.00
Singles	\$30.00	\$45.00

Entry fees are payable online only.

In the event that we are unable to accommodate an entry, the full registration amount will be refunded to the credit card. This refund policy is not applicable due to cancellations outside of the Severn River Rowing Club's control (weather and unforeseen circumstances).

No refunds on scratches will be given after the September 5th deadline for any reason.

Bow numbers will not be issued until all applicable entry fees has been paid.

4. EVENTS

Any mixed race with 12 or more registered crews will be divided into age groups.

Composite crews are encouraged, however are required to register under one club's name only.

Prizes will only be awarded to winners of events with 2 or more entries.

A) MASTERS

All entrants for the Masters events must be 21 years of age as of the last day of the current calendar year. Mixed races must include at a maximum 50% male rowers. No age category handicap system will be observed in the Masters events.

B) GRAND MASTER (Singles and Doubles only)

All entries for the Grand Masters events must have a boat average of 50 years or older as of the first day of the current calendar year. Mixed races must include at

a maximum 50% male rowers. No age category handicap system will be observed in the Masters events.

C) SENIOR GRAND MASTERS

The fastest Grand Masters (men and women) who are 60 years of age or older will also receive a winning prize. Entrants wishing to compete for this award must declare they are age 60 or over in 2017 where specified on the entry form.

D) U23/Senior (Formerly SENIOR/CLUB)

All entrants for the U23/Senior events must be 19 years of age or older as of the last day of the current calendar year who choose not to row "Masters." Mixed races must include at a maximum 50% male rowers.

E) U19 (Formerly YOUTH/HIGHSCHOOL)

All entrants for the U19 events must be under 19 years as of the last day of the current calendar year. Mixed races must include at a maximum 50% male rowers.

F) Recreational (2X, 4+, 8+)

All entrants for Recreational events are open to Recreational rowers in any combination of male or female and from any age group. All recreational rowers who wish to compete at this regatta must be registered with RCA/ROWONTARIO as Competitive Rowers.

5. BOAT TRAILER PARKING

Cars with boats on top, as well as Trailer Parking will be available at Gull Lake Park in the areas specified on the Parking Map. All clubs will be required to follow this parking plan in order to maximize the number of vehicles and trailers that can be accommodated.

6. RACE INSTRUCTIONS

Race instructions will be available prior to the event.

Bow numbers are to be picked up at Control Commission prior to your race. Bow numbers are only available if full payment has been received.

A) LAUNCH

Prior to launching, all crews are required to pick up their bow numbers as well as have their shoes and bow balls checked.

Launching is via wet launch. Launching is expected to occur quickly and efficiently as per the Dock Master's instructions. In the event that a crew fails to follow instructions at the launch, a 20 second penalty can be assessed for each infraction. Continuing to disobey the Dock Master's instructions can result in multiple penalties or being excluded from the race.

Once launched, crews are expected to proceed down the course at a reasonable pace. Crews failing to do so may be subject to a 20-second penalty.

B) Warm Up

Crews making their way to the start line must follow the buoy line and be between the buoy line and the south shore. Crews are only permitted to pass through the south side of the Bridge. Failing to do so is very dangerous and will result in a 20 second penalty.

Once past the bridge, crews are required to proceed to the south of the island as per the Traffic map. A volunteer will be at the leading edge of the Island to direct crews. Crews will be checked in and should proceed to the staging area around the back of the Island.

C) STARTING AREA

Crews must proceed around the island in a counter clockwise pattern into the staging area specified on the map, and check in with the Pre-Marshal. Crews are expected to start assembling themselves in numerical order as per the Umpire's instructions. Failure to follow an Umpire's instructions at any time during this regatta will result in a 40-second penalty.

D) THE RACE

Crews will be called numerically one at a time by Start Marshal Umpire who will say "Bow Number #, on the paddle". Once the crew's number has been called, crews should start rowing and gradually increase their speed until they have reached the start line, where they should be at race pace. As the crew passes over the start line, the Start Umpire will say "Go!" and the crew's start time will be recorded.

The course for crews racing will proceed on the north side of the buoys. Crossing these buoys during the race is considered extremely dangerous and doing so will result in a 40 second penalty.

Traffic during the race will proceed through the north side of the bridge. Failure to do so will result in a 20 second penalty.

No overtaking shall be permitted at the bridge area or under the bridge. Doing so will result in a 20 second penalty. The bridge area will be monitored by Umpires. The Umpire may dictate the order of the crews to pass through the bridge, directing one crew to give way to an over-taking crew, based upon their position and speeds.

Crews being overtaken are required to give way to passing boats. This may require the overtaken crew to alter their course or line, provided this can be done in a safe manner while remaining on the race course. In situations where the crew being overtaken cannot alter their course in a safe manner, the overtaking crew must adjust its course to allow safe passage of both boats. Communication between the crews may be required.

Generally, boats observed to be impeding the progress of other crews through poor steering or following too closely will be subject to 20 second penalty or exclusion at the discretion of the Umpires.

Crews **MUST** finish between the finish buoys in order to receive a finish time. Finishing outside of the finish buoys will result in a DNF on the score sheet.

E) FINISH AND DOCKING

Crews **MUST** continue to row past the finish line in order to get out of the way of other crews. A pooling area has been set up (See course map) and crews will be called in to return to the beach to land and get their boats off the water.

7. COACHES MEETING

There will be a meeting for coaches and coxswains at 8:00 am on race day. Important information and last minute instructions will be announced at that time. A representative from each club must attend.

8. SAFETY BOAT MEETING

There will be a meeting for safety Boat Operators and Crews at 7:30 am on race day. Important information and last minute instructions will be announced at that time. All boat drivers must attend.

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